

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1222

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mines and mining; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1370, as renumbered by Section 35, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1995 (45 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 9.1), which relates to blasting; requiring the Oklahoma Mining Commission to promulgate rules prohibiting blasting within certain distance of schools, churches or other houses of worship or occupied residences; stating distance limitation; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1370, as renumbered by Section 35, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1995 (45 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 9.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 9.1 A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, individually or in association with others, to establish, open up, commence or carry on any quarrying operation for stone or stone products wherein blasting is required, or to conduct any other quarrying operations for commercial or industrial purposes requiring the use of powder, dynamite, nitroglycerin or other explosives within a minimum distance established by rule ~~or~~ regulation adopted promulgated by the ~~Chief Mine Inspector~~ Oklahoma Mining Commission from any established school, church or other house of worship, or occupied residence. This section shall not apply to underground mines or to any quarrying or mining plants already constructed or in actual operation before June 19, 1961.

B. In accordance with the provisions of subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Mining Commission shall not promulgate a rule

which allows blasting within six hundred (600) feet of a school,  
church or other house of worship, or an occupied residence.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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